

MDOT to Begin Final Phase of Work on I-110 Drawbridge Rehabilitation Project Next Week

BILOXI, MISS., Wednesday, April 13, 2011— The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) will soon begin the final phase of the rehabilitation project to repair the Walter L. Nixon Sr. Interstate 110 drawbridge. Work on the \$4.1 million project, which was awarded to Boh Brothers Construction Company, LLC., began earlier this year.

Beginning **Monday, April 18**, traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction as crews place traffic control devices on this fourth and final phase of construction. There will be one lane open in both directions for about three days. Once all devices are in place, phase four will begin, and all four lanes of I-110 will be open.

Crews have completed the replacement of the steel grid deck and construction crews are preparing to replace the median barrier that separates the north and southbound lanes.

No wide loads will be permitted on the I-110 Bridge throughout the project, which is scheduled for completion in June 2011.

The navigation channel will **not** be closed to marine traffic. Passage will be allowed to all boats not requiring a drawbridge opening. However, any vessel that does require an opening will have to call (877) 486-8044 at least 72 hours in advance to request a Monday or Thursday 6:00 a.m. drawbridge opening.

As with all highway improvement projects, MDOT urges the public to reduce speed and use extreme caution in work zones. Further information on the drawbridge closure will be available on MDOT's website, www.gomdot.com, as the project progresses.

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